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Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission

Notice of Public Hearing by Conference Call

A public hearing will be conducted by the Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Commission at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 29, 2013, by conference call, to consider the approval and adoption of proposed regulations of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. Members of the public may participate at either the Office of the Secretary, 1020 S. Kansas Ave, Suite 200, Topeka, or at the Operations Office, 512 SE 25th Ave, Pratt. Additional locations may be available, and interested parties may contact the Commission Secretary for additional information.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting and may request the meeting materials in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the meeting should be made at least five working days in advance of the meeting by contacting Sheila Kemmis, Commission Secretary, at (620) 672-5911. Persons with a hearing impairment may call the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 1-800-432-0698 to request special accommodations.

This 30-day notice period prior to the hearing constitutes a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on proposed administrative regulations.

All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Chairman of the Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism, 1020 S. Kansas Ave, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612 or to sheila.kemmis@ksoutdoors.com if electronically. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity at the hearing to express their views orally in regard to the adoption of the proposed regulations. During the hearing, all written and oral comments submitted by interested parties will be considered by the commission as a basis for approving, amending and approving, or rejecting the proposed regulations.

In addition to the previously published regulations, the regulations that will be heard during the regulatory hearing portion of the meeting are as follows:

K.A.R. 115-25-19. This exempt regulation sets the dove hunting management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits. The proposed version increases the possession limit pursuant to changes in federal frameworks.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendment is not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-25-20. This exempt regulation sets the sandhill crane hunting management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits. The proposed version increases the possession limit pursuant to changes in federal frameworks.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendment is not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

K.A.R. 115-25-21. This exempt regulation sets the snipe, rail, and woodcock hunting management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits. The proposed version increases the possession limits for snipe and woodcock pursuant to changes in federal frameworks.

Economic Impact Summary: The proposed amendment is not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

Copies of the complete text of the regulations and their respective economic impact statements may be obtained by writing the chairman of the Commission at the address above, electronically on the department's website at www.kdwpt.state.ks.us, or by calling (785) 296-2281.

Gerald Lauber, Chairman

115-25-19. Doves; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and

possession limits. (a) The first segment of open season for the taking of doves shall begin on the first day of September and shall continue for 61 days, including the opening day. The second segment of open season shall begin on the first Saturday of November and shall continue for nine days, including the opening day. The third segment of open season shall begin on November 20 and shall continue through February 28 of the following year. The first and second segments of open season shall be for the taking of migratory and exotic doves. The third segment of open season shall be only for the taking of exotic doves.

(b) The entire state shall be open for the taking of doves during the dove season.

(c) Shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

(d) The aggregate daily bag limit for migratory doves during the first and second segments of open season shall be 15 migratory doves.

(e) The aggregate possession limit for migratory doves during the first and second segments of open season shall be 45 migratory doves.

(f) There shall be no aggregate daily bag limit or aggregate possession limit for exotic doves during any open season, except as provided in this regulation.

(g) Each exotic dove possessed in excess of the aggregate daily bag limit or aggregate possession limit for migratory doves during the first or second open segment shall retain a fully feathered wing.

(h) Each exotic dove possessed during the third open segment shall retain a fully feathered wing.

(i) For the purpose of this regulation, “migratory dove” shall mean any mourning dove or white-winged dove, and “exotic dove” shall mean a Eurasian collared-dove or ringed turtledove.

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 32-807.)

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-25-19. Doves; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, bag and possession limits.

DESCRIPTION: This exempt regulation establishes requirements for hunting doves. The proposed version of the regulation increases the possession limit pursuant to changes in federal frameworks.

FEDERAL MANDATES: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: Other than to not adopt the proposed amendments, no other alternatives were considered.

115-25-20. Sandhill crane; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, bag and

possession limits, and permit validation. (a) The open season for the taking of sandhill crane shall begin on the Wednesday after the first Saturday in November and shall continue for 58 days, including the opening day.

(b) The following area shall be open for the taking of sandhill crane during the established hunting season: that part of Kansas bounded by a line from the junction of interstate highway I-35 and the Oklahoma-Kansas state line, then north on interstate highway I-35 to its junction with interstate highway I-135, then north on interstate highway I-135 to its junction with interstate highway I-70, then north on federal highway US-81 to its junction with the Nebraska-Kansas state line, then west on Nebraska-Kansas state line to its junction with the Colorado-Kansas state line, then south on the Colorado-Kansas state line to its junction with the Oklahoma-Kansas state line, and then east on the Oklahoma-Kansas state line to its junction with interstate highway I-35, except federal and state sanctuaries.

(c) Shooting hours shall be from sunrise until sunset.

(d) The daily bag limit shall be three sandhill cranes.

(e) The possession limit shall be nine sandhill cranes.

(f) Each person hunting sandhill cranes in Kansas shall possess a federal sandhill crane hunting permit that has been issued through and validated by the department. Except as specified in subsection (g), any individual may secure a federal sandhill crane hunting permit upon application to the department and payment of the sandhill crane permit validation fee.

(g) Each person desiring to hunt sandhill cranes in Kansas shall be required to pass an

annual, online sandhill crane identification examination before meeting the requirements specified in subsection (f). (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 32-807.)

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-25-20. Sandhill crane; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, bag and possession limits, and permit validation.

DESCRIPTION: This regulation establishes requirements for hunting sandhill cranes. The proposed version of the regulation increases the possession limit pursuant to changes in federal frameworks.

FEDERAL MANDATES: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: Other than to not adopt the proposed amendments, no other alternatives were considered.

115-25-21. Snipe, rail, and woodcock; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits. (a) Snipe.

(1) For the purpose of this regulation, “snipe” shall mean any common or Wilson’s snipe.

(2) The open season for the taking of snipe shall begin on the first day of September and shall continue through December 16.

(3) The entire state shall be open for the taking of snipe during the snipe season.

(4) Shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

(5) The daily bag limit shall be eight snipe.

(6) The possession limit shall be 24 snipe.

(b) Rail.

(1) For the purpose of this regulation, “rail” shall mean any Virginia rail or sora.

(2) The open season for the taking of rail shall begin on the first day of September and shall continue through November 9.

(3) The entire state shall be open for the taking of rails during the rail season.

(4) Shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

(5) The aggregate daily bag limit shall be 25 rails.

(6) The aggregate possession limit shall be 25 rails.

(c) Woodcock.

(1) For the purpose of this regulation, “woodcock” shall mean any American woodcock.

(2) The open season for the taking of woodcock shall begin on the Saturday nearest October 14 and shall continue for 45 days.

(3) The entire state shall be open for the taking of woodcock during the woodcock season.

(4) Shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

(5) The daily bag limit shall be three woodcock.

(6) The possession limit shall be nine woodcock. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 32-807.)

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-25-21. Snipe, rail, and woodcock; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, and bag and possession limits.

DESCRIPTION: This new exempt regulation establishes requirements for hunting snipe, rail, and woodcock. The proposed version of the regulation increases the possession limits for snipe and woodcock pursuant to changes in federal frameworks.

FEDERAL MANDATES: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: Other than to not adopt the proposed amendments, no other alternatives were considered.